

Subject: Texas Republic banknotes

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[Grand Rapids, MI]

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May 8th, 1916

Mr Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Sy;
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your favor of the 3rd.

The enclosed set of Texas Republic notes, is the last I have left. Offer you the set as a whole for II.50, would not care to break it up. Have never sold these bills less than 50.00 per set.

The enclosed lot of checks and notes, signed and indorsed by various members of the Washington family, all closely connected with General George Washington, 16 pieces at 10c each.

Have the following Numismatic books and kindred items.

S.M. Leake "Historical Account Of English Money" Illustrated with eleven full page plates. 600 pp, morocco, Published London, 1745	2.00
Rev D. Jennings "Introduction To The Knowledge Of Medals" 60 pp, boards. Published London, 1764	75
J. Y. Akerman "Introduction To The Study Of Ancient And Modern Coins" 220 pp, plates, cloth. Published London, 1848	1.00
William Till "Descriptive Particulars Of English Coronation Medals" from King Edward VI to Queen Victoria 108 pp, plates, cloth. Published London, 1838	75
Wm Till "An Essay On The Roman Denarius and English Silver Pennies" 230 pp, plates, cloth. Published London, 1837. With autograph "Presented to the Editor of the Observer by William Till"	1.25
Princeton Bank of New Jersey. Bank book issued to Henry A. Washington. Recording banking transactions during 1836. The book also contains notes on educational subjects, written while a student at Princeton College	1.50
Farmers Bank of Fredericksburg, Va. Bank book issued to Col John T. Washington. Recording banking transactions from 1849- 1859	1.50
Carlton & Porter New York diary, published 1860. Contains diary of household expenses Senator Lawrence Washington. Entries showing the wealth of the family during the Civil War, in gold, silver, Confederate money and bonds	1.50

Yours respectfully.

J. K. Smith

A May 3, 1916.

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Mr. ~~A~~. K. Smith

419 Pine Avenue,

Grand Rapids, Mich,

Dear Sir:-

I note your advertisement in the Numismatist. Have you the following Texas note? The one dollar bill dated December 14, 1833 and probably signed by N. B. Howe, Chief -Clerk and A. Brigham, Treasurer, engraved by Childs, Clark & Co, New Orleans. I have the two dollar and three dollar bills of this series. If there are any other denominations of this series let me know,

Very truly yours,

Curator.

May 11th, 1916.

Mr. J. K. Smith,

419 Pine Avenue,

Grand Rapids, Mich.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor at hand enclosing the Texas Republic notes. All of these pieces I have, the only note I wanted evidently you did not have. I consequently do not care to take these although the price is reasonable I think considering the big find that was made of these. If, however, you care to sell the 1, 2 and 3 dollar notes let me know the price as these have different signatures than the ones we have.

None of the other material do we care for. All of the books we have except the last three items, which we do not care about. I will hold what you sent on until I hear from you.

I remain,

Very truly,

Curator.

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May 12th, 1916

Mr Howland Wood,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 11th received. You can retain the 1.00, 2.00 and 3.00 notes for 1.50.

The large find of Texas notes you speak of, were purloined from the State Archives at Austin by a former employee, and sold to Mr B. Max Mehl. An investigation was started by the Hon R.C. Crane of Sweetwater, Texas, which resulted in the lot being returned to the State. You can obtain full particulars from Mr Crane, together with the Texas papers containing the full history of the proceedings.

I am keeping your inquiry in mind, and if I come across the notes you require, will be pleased to send them for inspection.

Can you give me the present address of Mr Archer M. Huntington? I have some items I wish to bring to his attention.

Thanking you in anticipation, I am
Yours respectfully.

J. K. Smith

*H. B. Mr. A. A. Love, Box 495, Syracuse
N. Y. can supply you with full details
of the outcome, concerning the "big
find" of Texas bills*

May 15th, 1916.

Mr. J. K. Smith,

419 Pine Avenue,

Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of May 12th at hand. I am retaining the three Texas notes that I wanted, and am herewith enclosing a money order for \$1.50. The rest of the notes are returned herewith.

Many thanks for the information concerning the Texas notes. Throughout all of this I have been in fairly close touch with Mr. Leve. Mr. Huntington's address is 15 West 81st Street, New York.

Very truly,

Curator.

INFORMATION.

To obtain a receipt showing delivery, indorse the *article*, *across its face*, "Receipt desired." A check mark (✓) or (✓) in the space after the words "Receipt desired," the letter "A" in the space after the words "Delivery restricted to addressee in person," or the letter "O" after the words "Delivery restricted to addressee or order," indicates that a return receipt is desired, or that delivery is restricted as stated. The absence of a check mark or of the letters "A" and "O" indicates that no return receipt is desired and that delivery is not restricted.

Letter }
Parcel }

No. 45725

P. O., 6

Received for registration

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Receipt desired

Delivery restricted

(See printed information on this receipt.)

To addressee in person

To addressee or order

class postage prepaid.

Postmaster, per

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RECEIPT

DOLLARS	50
	CENTS

AMOUNT FOR WHICH ISSUED

TO BE DETACHED BY THE PUR-
CHASER, WHO SHOULD PRESENT
IT AT THE OFFICE OF ISSUE IF
HE WISHES TO MAKE INQUIRY
REGARDING THE ORDER

ISSUING OFFICE

STAMP HERE

THE REMITTER SHOULD WRITE HERE THE NAME AND THE
ADDRESS OF THE PERSON TO WHOM THE ORDER AND COUPON
WERE SENT:

SENT TO

J K Smith

ADDRESS

FOR